

Case 7359

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of:

U.S. National Phase Entry

Under 35 USC § 371 from

the International Application of :

George Douglas Hiler II et al. :

Int'l Application No. PCT/US99/27316 :

Filed in the RO/US on 18 November 1999 :

Entitled: Process for Preparing Cross-Bridged Tetraaza
Macrocycles

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination and computation of the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

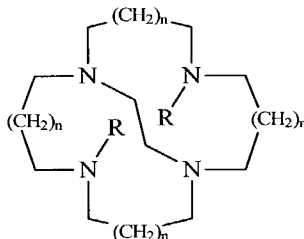
IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1 immediately after the title please insert --This Application claims priority to United States Provisional Application Serial Number 60/110,309 filed November 30, 1998.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-12 and insert therefor new Claims 13-33 as follows.

13. (New) A process for preparing a tetraaza macrocyclic ligand having the formula:



wherein each R is independently C₁-C₈ linear or branched alkyl, -(CH₂)_xCO₂M, and mixtures thereof, provided both of the R units are not methyl; M is hydrogen or a salt forming cation;